GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Strength of Women Personnel
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the current strength of women personnel in the State Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) separately, force, rank and State-wise;

(b) whether there is shortage of women personnel in the State police and CAPFs and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal to increase the number of women personnel in State Police and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs); and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Government has formed women commando forces and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the other steps taken by the Government to increase the strength of women personnel in the State Police and CAPF?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a): As per data compiled by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), the strength of total women police is 1,22,912 in States/UTs and 22,882 in CAPFs as on 01.01.2016. The actual strength of women police force personal in States/UTs and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) separately, rank-wise is annexed. (Annexure-I & II)
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(b): As on 01.01.2016, the actual strength of women police personnel is 7.10 % at all India level, while the percentage of women police personnel in CAPFs is 2.36%.

(c) to (e): Information pertaining to State Governments is not maintained centrally. As far as CAPFs are concerned, vide order dated 05.01.2016, it has been decided to reserve 33% posts at Constable level for being filed up by women in CRPF and CISF to begin with and 14-15% posts at Constable level in border guarding forces i.e. BSF, SSB & ITBP.

(f): 'Police Order' and 'Police' are 'State subject' as per entry 2 of the list II of the VII schedule of the Constitutions of India. Therefore, it is responsibility of the State Governments/UTs Administration to give adequate representation to women in the State Police Forces. However, Ministry of Home Affairs has issued advisories dated 04.09.2009 and 22.4.2013 to all State/UT Governments to increase of women police to 33% of the total strength.
In CRPF, 02 GD Male Battalions have been converted into 02 Mahila Battalions for the year 2015-16 and 2016-17. In CISF vacancies are being notified separately for the woman candidates in the recruitment of SI/Exe, ASI/Exe & constable/GD and women personnel are recruited in ASI/Steno & HC/Min. etc.
Details of the Steps taken to encourage women to join CAPFs and to improve the facilities for women personnel in CAPFs is enclosed as per Annexure-III.

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